

REMARKS

Claims 73-110 are pending in the application.

Claim 73 is amended without prejudice to even further clarify that "the first graphic comprises steganographically encoding therein through alterations to data representing the first graphic". Support for this type of encoding is found throughout the specification including, e.g., paragraph [0015] on page 5. This addition is consistent with the claim scope discussed in our November 19, 2007 Amendment.

The Specification on page 1, paragraph [0002], is amended to update patent and publication numbers.

Some of the claims were amended to recite "visible light scanning" (or similar terms) in the November 19, 2007 Amendment. Support for this type of scanning can be found throughout the specification, e.g.:

- Application No. 09/433,104, filed November 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,636,615) is incorporated by reference on page 1, paragraph [0002] of the specification. Claim 6 of the 6,636,615 patent involves visible light scanning: "...wherein sensing of the first and second parameters comprises *visible light scanning* of the document to retrieve the first and second parameters."
- Application No. 10/686,547, filed October 14, 2003 (published as US 2004-0158724 A1) is incorporated by reference on page 1, paragraph [0002] of the specification. Paragraph [0127] of the 10/686,547 document expressly states "the optical scan data comprises a result of *visible light scanning* of the identification document."
- Other examples need not be belabored at this time.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative, Steve Stewart, thanks the Examiner for his courtesy during a telephone interview on February 7, 2008. The following items were discussed during the interview:

- The undersigned suggested amending claim 73 as shown above to even more closely align with remarks in the November 17, 2007 Amendment. The undersigned stated support for this claim amendment can be found, e.g., at least on page 5, paragraph [0015], of the specification.
- The Examiner asked the undersigned to point out support for "visible light scanning" in the Supplemental Amendment. Thus, a few support examples are mentioned above (page 12).
- The Examiner asked about priority. The undersigned stated claims 107-110 are supported in priority application no. 10/011,129. The remaining claims are at least supported in some of the priority provisional applications, e.g., application no. 60/421,254, filed October 25, 2002.
- The undersigned invited the Examiner to contact him if there are any questions with the Supplemental Amendment.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 if any questions remain.

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